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**DATED** 7-2-1923 7th February 1923.

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## [Despatch Abstract.]

Medical institutions - Women's hospital at Udipi - Chairman Kanarese Evangelical Mission, Mangalore informed that the question of giving a half grant will be considered when funds are available.

*From* Dr. P. de BENOIT,
Chairman,
KANARESE EVANGELICAL MISSION.

BALMATHA,
MANGALORE,
S. KANARA,
S. INDIA.

25th October 1922.

To
The Honourable Raja of Panagal,
Chief Minister,
Madras.

Through
The Surgeon General,
Madras.

Through
The District Medical and Sanitary Officer,
South Kanara District,
Mangalore.

Honourable Sir,

I have the honour to draw your attention to the great need for a Women's Hospital for the populous northern parts of the S. Kanara District.

The Udipi Taluk alone is inhabited by about two lakhs of people, and the out-patients' department of the existing Local Fund hospital has a yearly attendance of nearly 6000 women and 8000 children. But as there is no lady doctor, only 76 women and 13 children have sought admission as in-patients in 1921. This shows conclusively the need of a special hospital for women, staffed by a lady surgeon and competent nurses.

The local authorities would more than once have liked to erect such a hospital, but up to now it has not been possible.

I have much pleasure in stating that the Kanarese Evangelical Mission is prepared to establish such a hospital at Udipi in the immediate future. We are in a position to offer a suitable building with a large compound of its own in a healthy and quiet part of the town, and we can further offer the services of a competent lady Doctor, Miss E. Lombard, M.D., L.R.C.P. and M.R.C.S., who has graduated both in Switzerland (Geneva) and London and who has had several years' post-graduate experience in various hospitals. Both she and a fully trained Swiss nurse also of several years' standing, are available at the beginning of 1923.

The value of the building and compound, which we have set apart for this purpose is about Rs 20,000/-. In order to equip it as an up-to-date hospital, the following initial expenses will have to be incurred:- (approximate figures)

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| Erection of a separate Operating & Sterilizing Room | Rs | 2,500- 0- 0 |
| Alterations to existing building, out-houses and compound | " | 1,300- 0- 0 |
| Furniture ... ... ... ... ... | " | 2,100- 0- 0 |
| Linen, blankets, operation linen ... ... | " | 500- 0- 0 |
| Basins, bowls, etc. ... ... ... ... | " | 800- 0- 0 |
| Steriliser, operating table, instruments, etc. .. | " | 2,500- 0- 0 |
| Medicines ... ... ... ... ... | " | 1,000- 0- 0 |
| Sundries ... ... ... ... ... | " | 1,300- 0- 0 |
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Some furniture and a certain number of instruments are available. But there will be a further expense of Rs 2,000 to our Mission for the erection of a shed for some classes of our High School which are at present accomodated in the building intended for the hospital. Thus the total expenditure will be Rs 14,000.

Though this sum is comparatively small, as it will go to establish a Women's Hospital worth Rs 30,000/-, and which can later-on easily be further developed, our Mission is at present unfortunately quite unable to raise it, owing to a heavy financial crisis. We have reasons to hope that the citizens of Udipi and surroundings will come forward with a generous subscription, as the plan for the establishment of our hospital has met with general approval and satisfies a long-felt need. We further hope that the Taluk Board will sanction an annual grant. Nevertheless, it is not possible to carry out the plan, unless Government is pleased to give us substantial help.

I therefore have the honour to approach you with the request to kindly grant us half of the initial cost, i.e. Rs 7,000/- and after the hospital has been opened, a small recurring grant. I need not mention that if Government had to erect and support its own hospital, both the initial and the annual expenses would be much heavier, and it might besides be difficult to staff it with such a competent personnel.

I beg to remain,
Honourable Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

P. de Benoit
M.D.

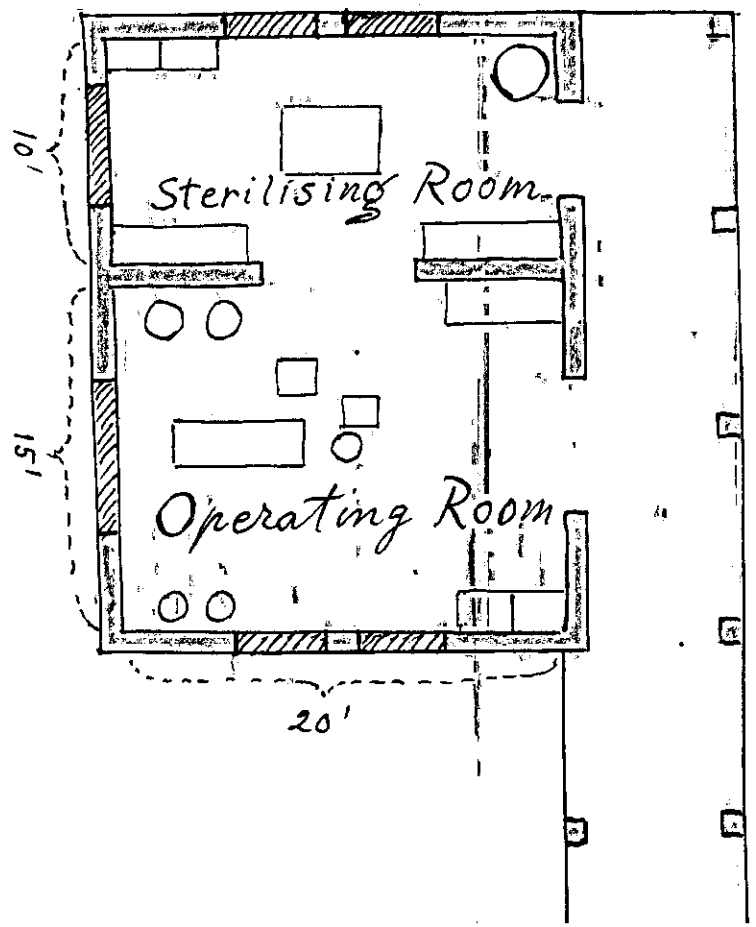
Annex: Rough plan of the proposed Hospital.

Kanarese Evangelical Mission

# Women's Hospital, Udipi, S. Kanara

– Rough Plan of Adaptation and Extension of the existing Bungalow

Note: Later-on, the Hospital can be easily extended by the erection of a separate Dispensary and Out-Patients' Department.

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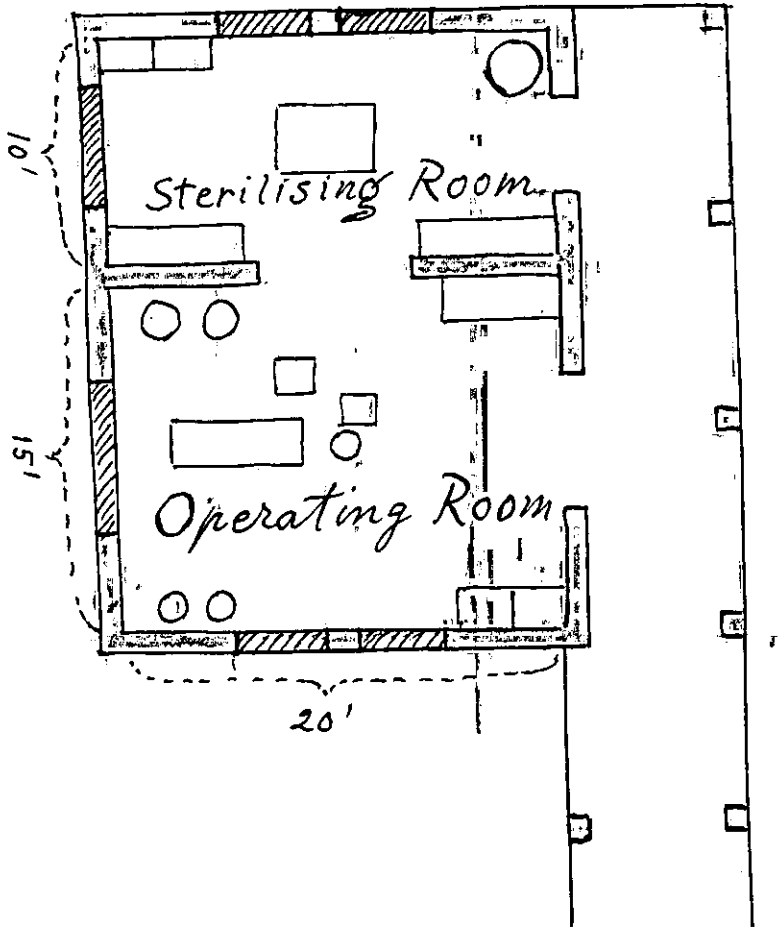


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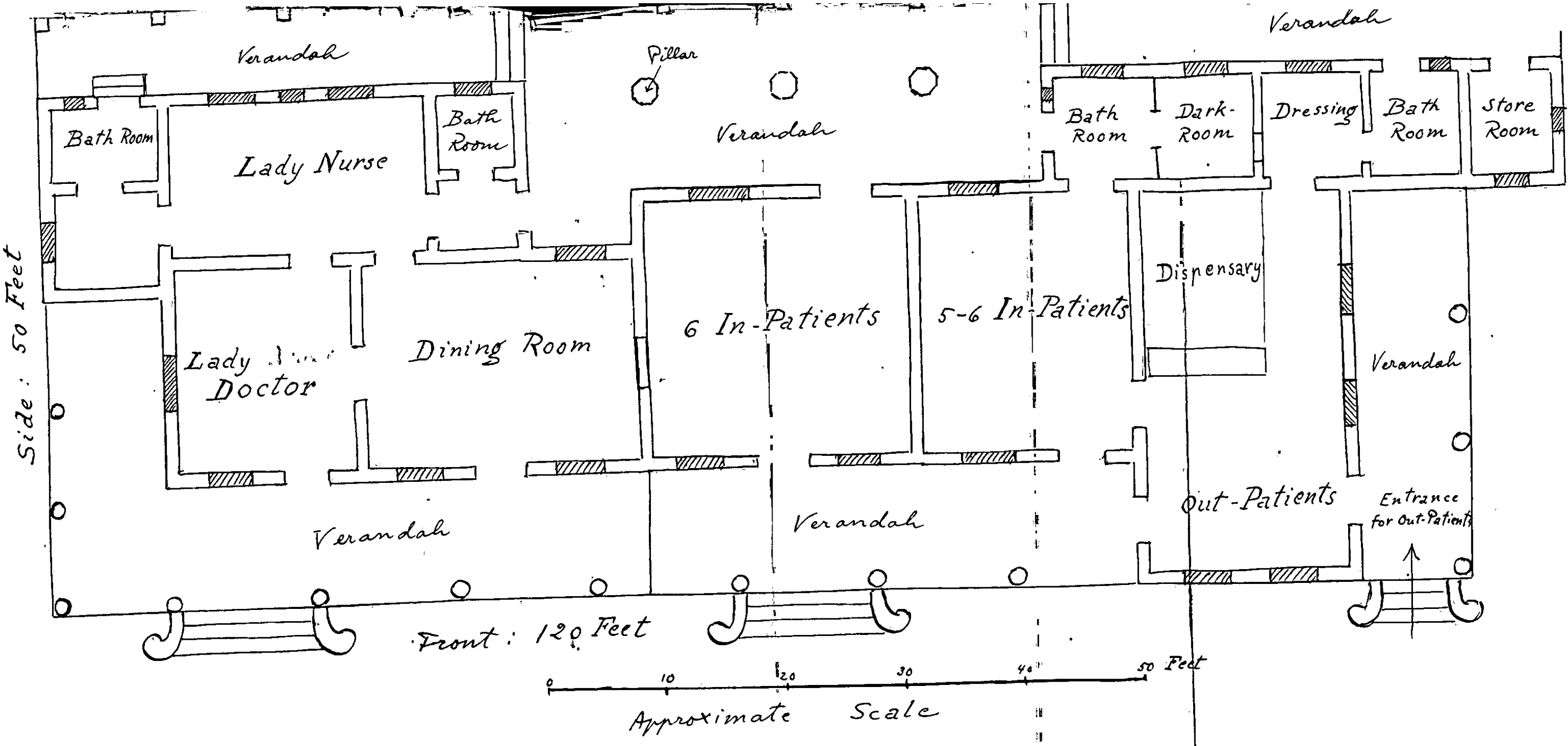


Note: All measurements are approximate, and subject to Revision.

Balmatha, Mangalore, Oct. 1922

F. de Benoit, M.D.
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From (Name) Major-General G.G.Giffard, C.S.I., K.H.S., I.M.S

(Designation) Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Local Self Government (Public Health) Department.

Sir,

Reference. Letter dated 25th October 1922 from Dr. P. DeBenoit, Chairman, Kanarese Evangelical mission, Mangalore.

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F o r w a r d e d.

2. I quite agree to the proposal as there is no doubt as to the benefit of having a Women and Children Hospital at Udipi. There is a growing demand on the part of the women population of this Presidency to be treated by women doctors and the facilities which the Kanarese Evangelical mission wish to afford to the female population of Udipi by establishing a Women and Children Hospital at the place

is

is therefore strongly recommended for consideration.

Major-General I.M.S.,
Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

L&S Dpt.

Grant - proposed W+C Hospital, Udipi, S. Kanara

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There are already several applications for grants for private hospitals which are awaiting provision of funds. It is very doubtful whether funds can be found next year for a grant to the proposed hospital at Udipi.

2 In any case, it seems doubtful if the Govt will agree to a recurring grant; such grants are not usually given to private hospls.

3 For orders whether the Mission may be informed

1) that the Govt will be prepared to consider the question of giving a half grant in respect of the initial charges when funds are available &
2) that no recurring grant for maintenance can be given

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A draft order is laid for approval

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No. 225 P.H. dated 7.2. 1923.

The Chairman, Kanarese Evangelical Mission, Mangalore, is informed that the Govt. will be prepared to consider the question of giving a half grant towards the initial charges of the proposed Women's Hospital at Udipi, when funds are available, but no recurring grant towards the maintenance of the institution can be given.

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To the Ch. K. E. Mission, Mangalore (SW).
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